House File 26 - Introduced

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BY HUNTER

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the provision of certain information for
- 2 insureds regarding external review of health care services
- 3 coverage decisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 514J.104, Code 2013, is amended by adding
- 2 the following new subsection:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. a. An insurance card issued by a health
- 4 carrier for a health benefit plan providing for third-party
- 5 payment or prepayment of health care services subject to this
- 6 chapter shall contain the telephone number for a covered person
- 7 to obtain more information regarding initiation of the external
- 8 review process for adverse determinations or final adverse
- 9 determinations under this chapter.
- 10 b. The telephone number for a covered person to obtain more
- 11 information regarding initiation of the external review process
- 12 under this chapter shall also be posted in a prominent place in
- 13 the offices of health care professionals and in facilities.
- 14 EXPLANATION
- 15 This bill amends Code section 514J.104, relating to notice
- 16 provisions concerning the external review process available to
- 17 individuals participating in a health benefit plan who receive
- 18 a determination from their health insurance carrier that
- 19 payment for a health care service that is a covered benefit has
- 20 been denied, reduced, or terminated.
- 21 The bill adds a requirement that a telephone number allowing
- 22 individuals to obtain more information about the external
- 23 review process be printed on the individual's insurance
- 24 card, and be posted in a prominent place in health care
- 25 professionals' offices and in certain health care facilities.